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<p>In re the Application of:</p> <p>MARI YAMAMOTO ET AL.</p> <p>Serial No.: DIVN. OF U.S. Patent Appln. 09/456,321 filed December 8, 1999</p> <p>Filed: DECEMBER 3, 2003</p> <p>For: CATALYTIC CONVERTER FOR AUTOMOTIVE POLLUTION CONTROL, AND PROCESS FOR MAKING CATALYTIC CONVERTER</p>	<p>Art Unit: Unknown</p> <p>Examiner: Not yet assigned</p>
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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Amendments to the Specification: begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks: begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Please add a new paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 as follows:

(New) This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application 09/456,321, filed
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